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Marginal Column

By EHUD LAQUEUR

IN a recent interview in the United States two Soviet political writers went on record as saying that some people in the West exaggerate whatever personal changes occur, or may occur, in the Moscow hierarchy. This is true to a certain extent, for whatever their differences of opinion there is a large measure of agreement among the various Soviet leaders. Whoever prevails in the struggle for power, the continuity of Soviet foreign and domestic policy will not be greatly affected. But there is no doubt that this struggle is still going on, and some observers feel that new light has been shed on it by the recent trial of security officials in Georgia. According to one version, this trial was merely an offshoot of the Beria affair, and the Soviet leadership wanted it to serve as a reminder that its campaign against arbitrary secret police action is still on. On second thoughts, this explanation cannot be accepted, for two years have passed since Beria's execution, and the facts about the present Tiflis trial have not even been publicized in the Moscow press, which surely would have carried the story if it was to serve as a "reminder."

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ANOTHER, rather more convincing explanation refers to the full text of the indictment in the Tiflis trial, which has only now become known. The executed men are said to have committed acts of violence against (among others) Mamia Orakhelashvili, a former secretary of the Transcaucasian party organization. This takes us back almost twenty years, for Orakhelashvili was executed (together with better known men, such as Stalin's friend Yenukidze) in December 1937. "Pravda" said then that he was an "out-and-out bourgeois nationalist counter-revolutionary and traitor who carried out subversive work for the restoration of capitalism in Georgia and its severance from the Soviet Union. In carrying out his black treachery he was in close contact with the general staff of one imperialist power" ("Pravda," December 20, 1937).

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THE present rehabilitation of an old and forgotten fighter like Orakhelashvili most probably has something to do with present internal struggles, just as the release of the Jewish physicians in April 1953 was occasioned by the struggle between Beria and his opponents. According to these observers, the Tiflis trial (just as the Leningrad trial some time ago) has to be viewed as the first step taken by some members of the "collective leadership" against others. They are directed against those who were somehow involved, even if indirectly, in the Orakhelashvili and Ordzhonikidse affairs in 1937. Ordzhonikidse, a leading Politburo member, died in 1937 under circumstances which were shrouded in mystery. Khrushchev and Bulganin were believed to be among Ordzhonikidse's friends. "They may not want to denounce Stalin who was the master mind behind the trial and purges" wrote a close observer of the Soviet scene last week. But Molotov was at that time Stalin's right hand man, and Malenkov, then still behind the scenes, was cooperating with the security services.

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THIS explanation has been developed at considerable length and there seems to be more than a mere grain of truth in it. What has been established beyond any shadow of a doubt is that Khrushchev has emerged in recent months as number one in the Moscow hierarchy (which of course does not mean that the principle of "collective leadership" will be officially abandoned.) This has happened despite the fact that the harvest in the "new territories" first cultivated this year (mainly a Khrushchev project), has not turned out too well. At the same time the Soviet domestic line has hardened and Moscow's foreign policy everywhere in the world has again reverted to the pre-Geneva stand. This has not unduly surprised observers in the West. A totalitarian regime has an a priori need for enemies, and Geneva could not therefore be more than a passing episode. This may be very regrettable but it is a fact which has to be faced. Its recognition is perhaps more important than the outcome of the struggle for power which seems to be going on under the surface in the Kremlin. There may be dramatic developments in the near future or again it may take many more months until things come to a head. Whatever the outcome of this contest it is unlikely that basic Soviet policy will be greatly affected by it.

London, December.

Storms Disrupt Traffic; Flood Roads, Villages

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Heavy rains and powerful winds swept the country today, causing damage to railways, isolating settlements and flooding roads. The main effect on agriculture so far has been favourable, though at some points top soil has been carried off.

Heaviest rainfall was reported at Ekron, where 125 millimetres have fallen during the past 36 hours. In the same period, Jerusalem had 35mm, Haifa 111mm, Tel Aviv 28mm, and Beersheba 11mm. A gale force of 75 kms. per hour was reported at Lydda. Rain is expected to continue heavily during tomorrow morning, and decrease gradually. Today's gales will subside tomorrow.

Direct traffic between Tel Aviv and Ramle was suspended late this afternoon, after a part of the road near the railway lines was flooded, but the Tel Aviv-Lydda-Jerusalem and the Haifa-Lydda roads are still open.

Snow fell in the highest points of Galilee for a few minutes at noon today. Considerable damage was caused when fields in the Beisan Valley were flooded. In the Jordan Valley, however, the farmers welcomed the torrential rains.

Four Houses Collapse

Four houses collapsed in the Old City of Lydda today, and miraculously no one was injured, following the evacuation of the residents by the municipal authorities, who declared an "emergency" with 25 municipal workers standing by constantly.

Gales also caused damage in Shikun Rassco of Havatzelet Hasharon and Kfar Avihayil near Natanya.

Helicopters are standing by to evacuate stranded settlers if they are endangered by the rising flood waters, the Jewish Agency spokesman announced here this evening. It is reported that the road linking Nir Yarak, near Ra'anana, to the outside world has been under water all day, and the Jewish Agency Settlement Department is striving to bring food to the flood victims. The Settlement Department has appealed to the police and th. Army to evacuate settlers from Moshav Adanim where a dozen houses were flooded.

This morning, the Rosh Ha'ayin-North Tel Aviv railway line was under water and considerable damage is reported. Passengers from Haifa to Jerusalem had to break their journey and continue from the South Tel Aviv station. Roads to Hadar Yosef, Yad Hama'aviz, Tel Baruch, Zahala and other housing quarters in the north of Tel Aviv were closed this morning, except for the Natanya Road. Police were posted there to supervise the orderly progress of the heavy traffic which was channelled over the bridge providing the only outlet to the North.

Bridge Threatened

Early this morning, the Yarkon River overflowed near the Herzliya Road and the roaring flood of muddy water spread over the recently inundated area, tearing at the roots of everything left standing from the previous flood. The bridge near the Ramat Gan Stadium was only a few centimetres above water-level and vehicles crossed cautiously at a crawl into the dip beyond, which was impassable to smaller cars. Once again, drifting debris was piled up against the bridge's foundation, where it was held for a while and then turned and rushed seawards with the stream.

In Beersheba, the day started with a strong gale and then the rain began pouring down. It was also reported that a bridge four kilometres north of Kibbutz Beit Kama was in danger of collapsing, and the traffic police and the District Engineer went out to investigate. There were brief electricity cuts, and for a short while the telephone connection to Tel Aviv was suspended. Generally, it was reported that the new roads in the vicinity were holding up very well. In the Negev, there has been more than enough rain for agricultural purposes.

Most of the telephones in Kfar Saba went dead after lightning hit a telephone pole.

Damage to municipal property in Holon as a result of the rain was

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TORNADO

A tornado which raged through Beer Tuviya at 5.25 yesterday morning caused IL50,000-worth of damage in the settlement in a matter of seconds. Another 15 settlements in the vicinity were also hard hit. The Jerusalem Post reporter states that farm buildings, including an all-metal chicken coop, were lifted bodily into the air, and boards and roofs were tossed like paper a distance of several kilometres. Residents and thousands of their chickens were exposed to the rain which broke in the tracks of the tornado.

Volunteers from surrounding settlements arrived amid the flying debris to aid the distressed settlers and their livestock.

Another tornado tore through Kfar Vitkin and caused damage estimated at IL10,000 by carrying off two chicken coops containing hundreds of chickens. Flying boards from the coops hit an electric wire and caused the village transformer to burn out. There was no electricity for several hours. Small sheds were also knocked over, and roof tiles were blown away. Lightning passed right through one house in the village, but no one was hurt.

Burns in Cairo; Sees Hope for Peace;

The U.N. Chief of Staff, General E.L.M. Burns, arrived in Cairo by air yesterday from Jerusalem on the second leg of his talks regarding the Nitzana (El Auja) demilitarized zone. He is scheduled to return to Jerusalem either this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

He met the Egyptian Foreign Minister; he later refused to reveal details of his meeting, but pointed out that Israel has accepted the U.N. plan except for some minor points.

Prior to his departure for Cairo Gen. Burns yesterday told U.P. that increased raids into Israel from Jordan and Egypt "seem significant, as such incidents come close after quite a long period of freedom from such occurrences." He said these acts along the Israel-Jordan frontier "appear the work of some person or persons working to re-create tension."

Asked about the chances of peace by the end of the year, Gen. Burns said that the progressively increasing tension is making the powers expend greater efforts to find terms on which peace could be negotiated.

A year ago, the general opinion was that the *status quo* should be preserved. Now, that is not enough. Suddenly no one wants the present state of affairs to continue, the General said. At present something might be done to approach a settlement of a situation "likely to become more dangerous."

New Moroccan Gov't Has Jewish Minister

RABAT, Wednesday (Reuter).— Morocco's first representative Government, headed by the non-party nationalist, Si Bekkai, today swore allegiance to Sultan Mohammed Ben Yussef.

The Government includes four Ministers of State whose task will be to negotiate Morocco's future relations with France, and a Jewish minister as yet unchosen.

Si Bekkai, 43-year-old former Pasha and French Army officer, spent one week selecting his ministers from the rival Istiklal and Democratic Independence parties, and Independents.

His Cabinet list includes nine Istiklal members, six from the Democratic Independence, and five Independents, among them the Jewish minister.

LOWER PAYCHECKS MEAN HIGHER EARNINGS

says Professor Abba Lerner in his analysis of price and wage trends, which concludes tomorrow with a summary of the concrete measures he has recommended to the Minister of Finance.

Other articles in tomorrow's issue of THE JERUSALEM POST include a report on India's attitude in the East-West conflict by Philip Deane, one of the very few Western journalists to accompany the Soviet leaders on their Indian visit, a re-statement of the Vatican's stand on the question of the Holy Land; Beynard's apologia in the midst of France's electoral campaign (book review); and all the regular week-end features.

Attlee Made Earl Upon Resignation

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Mr. Clement Attlee who today resigned the leadership of the British Labour Party which he has held for 20 years, will be made an earl, it was announced officially by the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden. Mr. Attlee will have the right to choose what name he prefers as a peer and will at the age of 72 take his seat in the House of Lords.

A bye-election will be necessary in his constituency of West Walthamstow (in the eastern suburbs of London) where he had a majority of 9,250 votes in the May election.

His resignation was announced at a parliamentary Labour Party meeting. Britain expects to witness one of the biggest personal power struggles in the Labour Party's history following his resignation. The fight is between three rivals — Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, 49, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the last Labour Government, Mr. Herbert Morrison, 67, deputy Labour leader and once Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Aneurin Bevan, 58, leader of the Party's left wing.

Britain Denies Early Cyprus Solution Due

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter) — The Foreign Office spokesman today described as "unfounded" overnight reports from Cyprus that a solution had been found to the problem of the island's future and would be announced within a few days.

Officials here are maintaining strict secrecy about current contacts on the island's future, but hopes are still expressed here that they will eventually be successful.

Next week's meeting of the NATO Council in Paris will provide a further opportunity for talks between Foreign Secretary Macmillan and the Greek Foreign Minister, Mr. Theotokis.

In Cyprus, leaflets were distributed in the main towns today calling off a four-day student strike against the emergency laws which was to have begun today. The leaflets say the strike has been postponed "until further notice" because of "unexpected developments."

26 ARMY OFFICERS TO FACE TRIAL IN SYRIA

The Syrian Army prosecutor yesterday formally brought charges against 26 officers for belonging to the outlawed Syrian National Party, Damascus Radio reported.

CONGRESS MAY MEET BEFORE NEXT APRIL

The Zionist Organization Executive met in Jerusalem yesterday to discuss advancing the date for the convening of the 24th Zionist Congress, scheduled to meet in Jerusalem next April. A final decision will be taken next week.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, M.K., Chairman of the Zionist General Council, with Mr. Beri Locker, M.K., Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, participating.

Glubb Promises Steps to Curb Fedayeen Raids

Maj.-Gen. John Glubb, Commander of the Arab Legion, has promised the U.N. to prevent Egypt-trained commandos from using Jordan as a base for raids on Israel. It was said that he made the pledge to Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, according to an INA cable, quoting press reports in New York.

Meanwhile, the Old City paper, "El Jihad," reported yesterday that drastic measures, including heavy reinforcements of Arab Legionnaires and National Guards along the entire armistice line in the Nablus area, were recently adopted by the Jordan authorities to halt infiltration into Israel.

Gen. Glubb was said to be making frequent tours of the main border outposts, and conferring with mukhtars and village elders, instructing them on measures to prevent illegal crossing of the demarcation lines. The authorities are keeping a watch on the movements of strangers in border villages, it was stated.

Meanwhile, official Amman circles told "El-Jihad," Old City daily, that they attach great importance to the current visit of Gen. Sir Gerald Templer, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, while the Jordan financial delegation is awaiting a British reply in London for the request to increase the subsidy for the Arab Legion and the National Guard.

Gen. Templer yesterday conferred with leading Jordan officials and Gen. John Glubb, and among the subjects reportedly discussed was the increase of Arab Legion units. His talks continue today with the Council of Ministers.

The London "Daily Telegraph" emphasized that Gen. Templer's visit stresses that Jordan has not been offered Soviet arms and would reject any dealings with the Soviet bloc. It added that "the Arab refugees chafe at Gen. Glubb's restraining authority which kept the Jordan-Israel border comparatively free of serious incidents. These are strains that only a settlement could ease," the paper said.

The "Daily Mail" reported that Gen. Templer's visit was also connected with a reported revolt fomenting in the Arab Legion against Gen. Glubb's authority.

Jordan-Iraq Talks Said Broken Off

The Jordan-Iraqi economic talks have broken down and the delegation to Baghdad under Acting-Premier Hasa'i Majali has been recalled to Amman, the Old City daily "A-Diffa" reported yesterday. It said that Iraq had advanced terms and conditions to Jordan's request for £14m for planned development projects that could not possibly be accepted.

This contradicted a Reuter report from Baghdad which quoted reliable sources as saying that Iraq has agreed to advance Jordan £1m. as part of a loan to finance agricultural and industrial projects.

NEABS reported from Amman that the Iraqis made it clear to the visiting mission that Jordan would be able to secure substantial economic and financial aid, not only from Iraq but from all the member states of the Baghdad Pact if she adhered to the alliance.

Toys Delivered Despite Weather

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Neither lashing rain nor heavy hail nor bitter cold were able to stay the determined police force on its missions to remote parts of the country yesterday with sacks of toys. The toys were taken through seas of mud, across inundated bridges and in the face of flash floods to their destinations in the border settlements and new development areas.

More surprised than the children in getting the toys from *The Jerusalem Post*-Sa'ad Aid Association Hanukka Toy Fund were the kindergarten teachers who were astounded to see that anyone would have dared to travel out in such fierce weather.

The police drivers were unquestionably the children's heroes of the day. One such driver, Mr. Avraham Rabani from Jerusalem, managed to get through from Ashkelon to Beersheba with toys just before a flooded wadi cut the route.

The Police Deputy Commander of the Negev District, Mr. Reuven Gvar-Am, ordered the delivery of the toys despite the weather, and accompanied by a policewoman, Hadassah Abramovitch, and *The Post's* Beersheba correspondent, H. Ben-Adi, travelled in a jeep to six settlements in the Merhavim area.

Mr. Ben-Adi reported that on their return to Beersheba, they were "drenched to the skin and frozen stiff." He said that when they passed the Arish bridge over Wadi Sharia on their way to the settlements they were surprised to see that it was relatively dry. Half an hour later on their way back a flash flood had cut off the bridge, but the jeep passed through safely.

The police drivers and staff members of this paper who travelled through the Jerusalem Corridor to Neve Harim, Bar Giora, Mata and Agur settlements had very much the same experience. The weather was so bleak that there was insufficient light to take the planned film of the children receiving their toys. The police driver was Moshe Tanuri, accompanied by Policewoman Margalith Tetro.

In spite of the obstacles, 215 sacks were distributed yesterday throughout the country. More will be taken out today, whatever the weather.

Yesterday, contributions amounted to IL700,900 bringing the Fund to IL3,264,200. (Latest list of donors, page 3).

Sharett Tells Dulles Israel Will Not Cede Territory

Border 'Adjustments' Acceptable

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, informed the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, during their meeting in Washington on Tuesday night that, for the sake of Middle East peace, Israel is prepared to discuss "adjustments" of boundary lines with the Arab states. Mr. Sharett emphasized, however, that Israel will not consider the cession of territory.

The Foreign Minister, who conferred with Mr. Dulles for an hour-and-a-half, told reporters afterwards that he had the impression that Israel's request for American arms to counterbalance Egypt's purchase of Czech weapons was "under very active consideration." Asked if he was encouraged on the prospects of purchasing arms he said, "Things stand as they did."

Mr. Sharett added that the meeting on Tuesday probably was his last conversation with Mr. Dulles on his current visit to the U.S. He is due to leave the U.S. by air next Monday or Tuesday. He may spend a few days in Europe *en route* home.

Mr. Sharett told reporters that he had had a broad exchange of views on the problems of the possibility — or otherwise — of a peace settlement. He added that no conclusions were reached.

Asked whether they talked about Sir Anthony's proposals for a "compromise" settlement, the Foreign Minister said that the British Premier's scheme came in for "very extensive reference."

Peace Not Nearer

He told the newsmen that Middle East peace prospects were certainly not better and "may on the contrary be worse." He said that he was surprised at the sudden wave of optimism regarding peace prospects in reports originating from the State Department and elsewhere. He had told the Secretary of State that he considered it to be entirely unfounded. Mr. Dulles had replied that he was not a party to this optimism, and referred to his press conference in Washington on Tuesday morning. On that occasion, the Secretary of State had said that there are no developments indicating improved peace prospects in the Middle East, but that possibilities of a solution still exist.

Meanwhile, New York press reports yesterday said that diplomatic officials in Washington believe that the threat of war between Israel and the Arab states has eased largely as a result of behind-the-scenes efforts by the U.S., Britain and France. Both the Arabs and Israel are now thinking in terms of a negotiated compromise rather than to resort to violence, the sources said, although no formula has yet been found for peace talks.

They added that the U.S. has in all probability decided to delay action on Israel's arms request until next year.

Mr. Sharett lunched yesterday with Mr. Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East, who has sought regional irrigation cooperation. The Foreign Minister also met today with officials of the Bahai religious movement, Mr. Charles Mason Remey, President of the International Bahai Council, and Mr. Paul E. Haney, member of the International Bahai Assembly.

(Reuter, UP, INA)

Britain to Continue Selling Egypt Arms

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan today rejected a suggestion by a Labour Member in the Commons that Britain should "stop supplying arms to Egypt and other Arab states so long as they continue to use the threat of force against Israel".

Replying to Mr. Konni Zilliacus, Mr. Macmillan said that the Government's policy on the supply of arms to the Middle East was based on the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 (guaranteeing stability in the region) and the fulfilment of its treaty obligations.

Mr. Zilliacus went on to ask whether policy statements by Sir Anthony Eden and Mr. Macmillan hinted strongly that they were drifting into a position of trying to force Israel to make territorial concessions under the threat of force by the Arab states.

Working for Settlement

Mr. Macmillan replied, "I am sorry Mr. Zilliacus thought fit to say that. Our sole purpose is to try and help a settlement. We are working hard for it. I think there is not a single member of this House who did not feel keenly anxious that somehow or another, by all our common efforts a settlement of this long-standing problem should be reached."

When another Labour Member, Mr. Paget, asked the Minister to say "at least" that the government would not go on supplying arms to nations covered by the declaration who were getting their arms from the Soviet bloc, the Foreign Secretary replied:

Cannot Enforce Embargo

"That is rather another point. Mr. Paget does put his finger on the weakness of the suggestion of an arms embargo when we are not in a position to enforce it."

Asked by Mr. Barnett Janner (Labour) why some action was not taken in accordance with the tripartite agreement, in view of "constant threats, by Colonel Nasser and others," Mr. Macmillan replied, "We are under an obligation to consult together as to what action should be taken in certain circumstances and I am sure that he (Mr. Janner) would not wish me to make public the results of these consultations."

Egypt Readies Bases For East Bloc Pilots

LONDON, Wednesday (INA). — The Cairo correspondent of the "Daily Mail" reported today that Russia is planning a network of concentration points around Cairo, Alexandria, and along the Suez Canal to receive small but highly-trained groups of Soviet bloc pilots and technicians.

The British-built and equipped airfields transferred by the Royal Air Force to Egypt are also being prepared for their reception. The report added that such arrangements are also being made around Damascus in Syria.

The first Communist concentration points were said to be in or near Dekhelia airfield not far from Alexandria, and El Maza near Cairo. The Communist personnel wear civilian clothes and have their own guards who prevent them from fraternizing with Egyptian civilians.

The report pointed out that Egypt's new military pact with Syria means that any Soviet bloc personnel stationed in Egypt could visit Syrian airfields and other military centres.

Lebanon Warned Against Army Pact with Syria

"Israel until now has shown special understanding of the Lebanon's problems and difficulties, in spite of her adherence to the Arab League, but if the Lebanon signs a military pact with Syria Israel will have no alternative but to consider her an active partner to the organized hostile actions now being directed against her," Kol Yisrael stated in its Arabic broadcast yesterday.

The broadcast warned the Lebanese leaders not to involve their country in affairs which its interests demand they avoid, and stressed that should the Lebanon join the pact, she would inevitably become a satellite of Syria and the other Arab states.

It added that the proposed pact would put an end to Lebanese independence, and would place her in the front line if hostilities break out.

Lebanon was advised to avoid such pitfalls by remaining neutral, thus preserving her freedom from outside influences.

3 SOVIET BLOC TRADE MISSIONS IN BEIRUT

With the arrival of a Polish trade mission yesterday, the total number of Soviet bloc delegations in Beirut has now reached three, according to the Arab News Agency. An economic group from China and a Rumanian trade delegation arrived there last month.

Shukeiry Blames West For Mid-East Tension

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (Reuter). — Syria charged today in the Political Committee that the West and not Russia has been responsible for Middle East tension, and he demanded a Big Five pledge of a "hands-off" policy for the Arab world.

Ahmed Shukeiry, speaking in the Committee's debate on disarmament and international tension, declared that if Western policy in the Middle East is not challenged "tomorrow or the day after, the West would not hesitate to interfere in the affairs of Asia, Africa and South America." He pointed out that the Soviet Union had not a single soldier in the Middle East, and had not "affronted one single citizen" there.

He said it was not the Soviet Union which suppressed North African nationalism, created "this great tragedy of the Palestine question," bombarded the southern areas of the Yemen and raided the Buraimi territory.

He declared that he could not see why the Middle East should be the responsibility of the Western or Eastern powers, or why the West contends that there should be a balance of arms in the region where there are sovereign states whose defence was their own concern. Shukeiry added that it was up to the General Assembly to consider matters relating to armaments, not the Western powers.

U.S. Labour Urges Arms for Israel

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — A resolution calling for the reaffirmation of the 1950 tripartite declaration and its implementation by permitting Israel to obtain arms and a mutual security pact, was adopted here today at the inauguration convention of the newly-merged American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Mr. Mordechai Namir, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, who was a guest delegate to the merger convention of the A.F.L.-C.I.O., addressed the newly-merged organization's dinner here last night. He spoke on behalf of the Middle East labour movement.

FIGHTING IN LAOS

VIENTIANE, Laos, Wednesday (UP). — Communist-led Pathet Lao and Vietminh troops attacked the royal army in a battle raging in North Laos, it was announced today.

MRS. MYERSON RECEIVES U.S. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES

The Acting Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Myerson, yesterday received Mr. Ivan B. White, the U.S. Charge d'Affaires, who took leave of her prior to her departure next week for the U.S.

Mrs. Myerson has been invited to address the annual United Jewish Appeal Conference on December 17.

It is understood that her Labour portfolio will be taken over during her absence by the Minister without Portfolio, Mr. Peretz Naphtali.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Special Political Committee of the U.N. General Assembly today adopted a resolution calling on the Security Council to admit 16 new members to the world organization before the end of the current assembly session.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday entertained to lunch Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal, Chairman of the Executive Council of the Weizmann Institute; Dr. S.M. Bloch, Administrative Director of the Institute; Dr. I. Dostrovsky, Chairman of the Scientific Council; directors of the Institute's departments and senior administrative officials and their ladies.

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The Brazilian Minister, Mr. Nelson Tabajara de Oliveira, on Tuesday night awarded the certificates won by two Israel entrants to the recent Third International Biennale Exhibition in Sao Paulo. The occasion was a reception given by the Association for Israel-Brazil Cultural Relations at the home of Prof. Benjamin Mazar, President of the Hebrew University. The prize winners were Mr. Jacob Steinhardt, 1st prize for engravings, and Mr. Nahum Guttman, 2nd prize in painting.

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The first concert of Miss Hilde Zadek, the singer, with the Ramat Gan Chamber Orchestra under the baton of Michael Taube, was given at the Chel Shem Hall in Tel Aviv yesterday. The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, M.P.E. Gilbert, and the Austrian Consul General, Dr. K. Enderl, were among the audience.

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His Grace, the Greek Orthodox Archbishop Isidoros, Metropolitan of Nazareth and Exarch of Galilee, yesterday called on the Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. G. Agron, and the District Commissioner, Mr. S. B. Yeshaya, and later visited the Hebrew University, where he was received by the President, Professor B. Mazar.

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Mr. S. Hoofien has joined the Board of Directors of the Union Bank of Israel Ltd

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Professor Warren O. Nelson, head of the Department of Anatomy at Iowa University and Medical Director of the Population Council, Rockefeller Institute, New York City, and Mrs. Nelson have been staying for a few days at Rehovot as guests of the Weizmann Institute of Science. Dr. and Mrs. Nelson are on their way back to the U.S. from Japan and India, where they attended Planned Family conferences. The Council is interested in the reproduction physiology research done by Dr. M.C. Shelesnyak of the Weizmann Institute.

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ARRIVALS: Dr. L. Samuel, Economic Adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture, from Geneva, where he attended the International Conference on Wheat, and Rome, where he attended the F.A.O. Conference; Mr. W. L. Trimble, Operations Chief of TWA, on a three-day visit on behalf of the airline.

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DEPARTURES: Rabbi I. Friedmann (the Szidigor Rebbe), for Europe and Great Britain; Mr. William Barker, the U.S. "Standard Knapp" engineer, after a five-week visit to set up machinery to gum locally made cardboard boxes for the export of citrus

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A convention of radiologists will be opened at 8.30 p.m. today at Beit Hahinuch, 6 Rehov Reines, Tel Aviv. The convention will last until December 10. All physicians are invited.

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Yehudi Menuhin will be the soloist in two violin concertos at a Special Concert with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra on Friday afternoon, Dec. 16 at the Ohel Shem Hall, Tel Aviv. George Singer will conduct and the proceeds are for the benefit of the I.P.O. Pension Fund. Tickets are obtainable from I.P.O. Offices, 56 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv, from today. *(Advt.)*

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The Sharon Hotel is looking forward to seeing old friends and new at their annual "get-together" on the evening of December 31. For particulars please write or 'phone: 67894/5/6, Tel Aviv. *(Advt.)*

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Theatres—
Chamber Theatre, "The Italian Straw Hat," Mograbi, 8 p.m.
"The Castle," New Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.

Tourist's Hanukka Celebration:—
Yemenite Singers and Dancers, H.O.A. House, 8.30 p.m.

Concert:—
Aimee Derra, Piano Recital, Beit Leeda, 8.30 p.m. (Rameau, Scarlatti, Mozart, Debussy, Granados).

HAIFA

Theatres —
Ohel, "Eldorado", Armon, 9 p.m.
Yiddish Comedy Theatre — Max Perlman, Gita Gallina in "Kopi Kive Ward a Tate", 9 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

Theatres—
Do-Re-Mi, "Holiday in Venice," Rama Hall, 8.15 p.m.

HOLON

Theatres—
Yiddish Theatre—Bomsin Vitler and Shifra Lerer in "The Singing Blacksmith," Armon, 8.45 p.m.

BAT YAM

Theatres —
Dulgan and Shumacher, "Nadir Un Weib Night", 8.30 p.m.

KFAR SABA

Theatres:—
Chamber Theatre, "The Lady of the Manor," Beit Napoleon, 8 p.m.

HADERA

Theatres—
Habimah, "Shackles", 8 p.m.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post December 8, 1955

In the Jerusalem District Court

Before the Reserving President (Judge Baker).

The Attorney General, Applicant, v. Reuben Kaminer, Respondent. (Motion 28/55).

Ruling on Fingerprints Of Lawfully Detained Persons

The Jerusalem District Court dismissed an application by the Attorney General to review a decision of Magistrate Bazak, given on June 23, 1955 (Cr. C. 302/55) to release the respondent on bail.

The facts of the case as they appear from Judge Baker's judgment are as follows: Reuben Kaminer participated in a public meeting organized by the Israel Communist Party in the Orna Cinema, Jerusalem, on April 28, 1955. According to the police, a fight broke out during the meeting, in connection with which Kaminer was asked to come to the police-station immediately afterwards and to make a statement. After he had done so he was allowed to go.

As a result of a visit which the police paid to his home, Kaminer presented himself once more at the District B police-station, Jerusalem, on June 22, 1955, where he was charged with affray, in accordance with section 98 of the Criminal Code Ordinance, in that he did unlawfully take part in a fight in a public place on April 28. When Kaminer refused to submit to having his fingerprints taken, he was brought before the officer in charge of the station (Police Officer Efrat) who informed him that he was under arrest and had perforce to submit to having his fingerprints taken. When Kaminer persisted in his refusal, he was placed in the lock-up. On the following day, June 23, he was released on bail by Magistrate Bazak. The Attorney General objected to his release and applied to the District Court for a review of the Magistrate's decision.

Mr. Hedaya, District Attorney, appeared for the Attorney General, Mr. Landau for the respondent.

Decision

In delivering judgment, Judge Baker first set out the facts of the case and then surveyed the arguments of opposing Counsel.

Mr. Hedaya relied on section 3 (1) (c) of the Criminal Procedure (Arrest and Searches) Ordinance, which states:

"Any police officer may arrest any person without warrant who has recently committed an offence punishable by death or imprisonment for a period exceeding six months." (Affray is punishable by imprisonment for one year). He also relied on Section 6(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Evidence) Ordinance, and Rule 3 of the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Rules which latter lays down: "Any person charged with any offence and detained in any prison, or other place of detention, shall, on demand made by a police officer.... submit to have the impressions of all digits of both hands taken, to be photographed and to be examined with a view to record of such other marks of identification as may be required."

Judge Baker pointed out that from the arguments and counter-arguments it was clear that the respondent could have been taken into lawful custody by police-officer Efrat only if he had recently committed the offence with which he was charged. In C.A. 30/54 (P.D. 8/975) the Supreme Court had not wished to lay down any hard and fast rule with regard to the meaning of the word "recently" in section 3(1) (c), nor could any assistance be gleaned from English precedents, since no similar law exists in England. The only solution was, therefore, to give the word its ordinary meaning and, taking regard of the fact that section 3 gives the police wide powers to deprive the individual of his freedom, to interpret it in its strictest sense. Since two months had passed between the day on which the offence was purported to have been committed and the day on which the arrest was made, it could hardly be claimed that the offence had been "recently" committed, even if there were special reasons, as hinted at by the District Attorney, for not making an earlier arrest.

English and Local Law

Judge Baker held that the respondent had not been lawfully arrested and that, therefore, the police officer had not been entitled to demand his fingerprints. In view of this decision, there was no need for him to decide the question of principle as to whether the refusal of a person, held in lawful custody, to submit to having his fingerprints taken, afforded sufficient grounds for his not being released on bail. But since both the District Attorney and Mr. Landau had discussed this issue and since the former had appealed to him to give the police and the Magistrates' Courts some guidance for the future, he would express his opinion on the matter.

While in England, Judge Baker said, there is no law which requires a person lawfully detained to submit to having his fingerprints taken, the Palestinian legislature had seen fit quite clearly and unambiguously to impose this duty on a lawfully detained person. There was, however, an exception to this rule: if the demand were not made with a view to identification only, then the detainee could refuse to comply with it; but the onus of proof of an ulterior motive on the part of the police would be on him.

No Proof of Political Considerations

In the present case, continued Justice Baker, both the respondent and his Counsel had hinted that the demand for the fingerprints had been based on political considerations, but no iota of proof had been brought to substantiate this. As for the respondent's claim that he had refused to give his fingerprints because, in his opinion, there was an element of humiliation and degradation in so doing, this was untenable in view of the specific provisions of the law. In discussing this attitude towards fingerprints, the Judge referred once more to C.A. 80/54 and quoted at length from a Scottish judgment (Adair v. M'Garry, 1933 J.C. page 72), since Scots law on the subject of fingerprints is similar to that of Israel.

Turning to Mr. Hedaya's contention that a detainee's refusal to allow his fingerprints to be taken was tantamount to sabotaging police enquiries, Judge Baker described this as somewhat too extreme. While it was, in his opinion, permissible and desirable to take account of the refusal when deciding whether to release a detained person on bail or not, he was not prepared to say that on each and every occasion, without exception, it would be just to refuse release on bail only because the person in question had refused to have his fingerprints taken. There must be occasions when it is possible to identify a person by other means, such as some physical deformity peculiar to him, and on such occasions one could possibly regard the police inquiry as complete without submission of fingerprints.

The application was dismissed.

Decision given on November 28, 1955.

Train Without Wheels

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — The Russians have invented a train without wheels, which rolls on balls, according to Moscow Radio on Monday. It said that ball-borne cars and tractors may follow.

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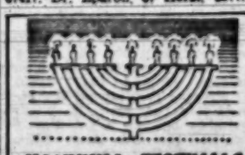

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VISITORS' GALLERY

Keeping Up The Sieff Tradition

Mrs. Judith Glaquinto, slim, soignée and blue-eyed, is a London Vice-President of the J.N.F., Vice-Chairman of the English Society of Friends of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Chairman of the WIZO Carmel Group and a mother of three. She is the daughter of Israel and Rebecca Sieff, both of whom have played and continue to play such an active and leading role in Jewish public affairs, and has inherited their dynamic mental and physical energy.

With her family background, it has been inevitable that Mrs. Glaquinto should always have been very conscious of Israel and its developments; as a child she sat at the feet of the country's first President and its present leaders have been familiar to her from schooldays.

She says she can never remember a time when the "Jewish National Home" was not of prime importance in her family life and her earliest recollection, when she was only four, is of her mother working on a "Zionist project." However, it is only recently that she has entered the turmoil of fund-raising for Israel.

Business Activity

Her J.N.F. and Orchestra appointments date from this year although, naturally enough, with her mother heading WIZO, that organization was the first to claim her active participation.

In her capacity as Executive Vice-Chairman of the I.P.O. Tour Committee for Great Britain and Ireland, most of her time in 1954 was given over to helping making the complicated and manifold arrangements for bringing over the 160-person group. She visited most of the centres where the concerts were due to be held and made so many speeches that, as she says, "I can talk about the Orchestra at the drop of a hat."

Mrs. Glaquinto thinks of herself as a businesswoman and treats her various undertakings in that spirit. Actually she does have some business training, having worked at "Marks and Spencers" for over a year.

Mrs. Glaquinto made her first visit to this country in 1935 and since the founding of the State has found time to spend a few weeks of each year here. The current trip is typical of her combined public-private activities: she is here on J.N.F., Orchestra and WIZO business and to visit her mother at her Tel Mond home. The first task awaiting her after her return to London is the completion of arrangements for a function for the benefit of the I.P.O., and her second a speech-making tour on behalf of the J.N.F. *W.S.*

GREENLAND. — Denmark's contribution to the 1957-58 International Geophysical Year will be a series of scientific observations on the world's largest island, Greenland. A special observatory is to be set up to study earthquakes which have their origin in the region of the North Pole, the effect of the Northern Lights on radio communication, and the connection of glaciers with climatic changes.

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Wadi Sukreir to Be Deep-Water Port

Construction is to begin within a few months of the first housing units along the coast near Wadi Sukreir, 19 kilometres north of Ashkelon. The mouth of the wadi is destined to be the site of Israel's second deep-water port. No date has yet been set for work on the port itself.

Work is continuing on constructing an electric power station there. The Fertilizers and Chemicals company has agreed to put up a plant which will eventually employ 500 persons.

Jordan Minister Urges Joint Health Body with Israel

The Jordan Minister of Health, Dr. Jamil Tutunji, has submitted a proposal to the Cabinet to establish a permanent mixed Israel-Jordan health committee, to be chaired by a U.N. member on the lines of the Israel Jordan M.A.C., "El Jihad," the Jordan daily, reported yesterday.

The committee would deal with measures to combat malaria in the no-man's-land, and would be appointed for a term of five years.

At present joint committees of this kind have only a temporary status and do not meet regularly.

ISLAMIC VIEW PERMITS PEACE WITH ISRAEL

Sheikh Abdul Wahab Khalaf, Professor of Islamic Theology at Cairo University, has published a *fatwa* (religious pronouncement) "permitting a peace treaty with Israel from the legal Islamic aspect," according to the semi-official Cairo daily, "El Goumhuria," earlier this week.

JAPAN. — The Japanese population totalled 89,269,270 on October 1. An international census report shows there are 43,005,784 males, and 46,263,350 females. Japan had a population of 86,300,000 in 1953.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
332, 249, 33.3 & 42.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.
6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.
13.00 N. Programme for Factory Workers (Haifa). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.45 Opera: Works by Weber, Mozart (R). 2.30 Close Down.
4.00 Siesta. 4.30 Weekly Summary: Mahna Yomit (R). 4.45 Light Music (T.A.). 4.55 Where To Go (Jerusalem). 5.15 Child's Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Folklore. 7.03 Academic World. 7.15 Concert Hall: Music for Theatre: Jan Sibelius. 7.25 "From the World of Music." 7.50 Press Review. 8.15 Bible Readings. 8.45 The Knesset and Its Committees. 9.15 Piano Recital: Bella Finkelstein-Gilon: Chopin: Nocturne, Berceuse, Mazurka; Tchaikovsky: Preludes, Fergusson: Five Bagatelles. 9.45 Sport Review. 9.55 Variety. 10.20 Franz Carelitzer: "The Pied Piper from Hamelin." Played by the Kol Tisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Arieh Zemanek. Narrator: Efraim Di-Zahav. 11.10 Close Down

SECOND PROGRAMME
491, 462, 234, 214, 42.9 & 25.5 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m.
French News: 3.00 p.m.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.3, 34.9 & 469 M.): 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 p.m. French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Turkish. 8.15 Persian. 8.30 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.40 Newsreel. 6.50 Excavations at Hatsor. 7.05 Afrikaans Transmission.
11.15 p.m. News. 11.35 Newsreel. 11.55 Workers' Choirs.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 235 & 225 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Fantasy. Works by Gypsy Composers. 7.00 Songs. 7.30 "Bordura." 8.00 Light Music. 8.30 News. 8.45 Classical Request Programme: Sibelius: "The Swan from Tuonella." Mozart: Concerto in A-major for Clarinet and Orchestra; Grieg: Peer Gynt, Suite No. 1. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.63, 16.96, 25.15 M.): 7.30 p.m. News. News Talk: Week's Features.

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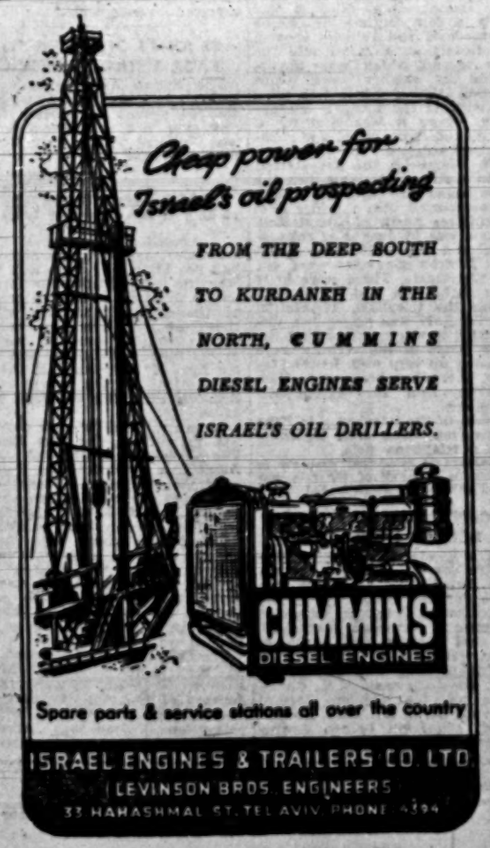

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

ARNON: The Shriba, 2nd week. Matinees: All Quiet on the Western Front.
EDEN: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, 4th week.
EDISON: Strange Lady in Town.
ORGIL: Barefoot Contessa, 3rd week
ORION: The Virgin Queen.
ORNA: Drum Beat.
RON: "Deux Sous de Violettes."
ZION HALL: Just for You.
TEL OR: Border River.

TEL AVIV

ALLENBY: The Adventures of Hajji Baba, 2nd week.
CHEN: Obsession.
ESTHER: Give a Girl a Break.
MOGRABI: There's no Business like Show Business.
OPHIR: French Cancan, 6th week.
ORION: A Star is Born, 4th week.
SHDEROTH: The Man.
TAMAR: Marty, 7th week.
TCHELET: "Les Amants du Tage," 3rd week.
YARON: Carnival Story.
ZAMIR: "Furie."

HAIFA

ATZMON: "Riguletto," 2nd week.
MAY: "Le Bonze et le Nain," 2nd week.
PEER: Ain't Misbehavin'.
GAL OR: Hurricane Smith. Matinees: Yankee Buccaneer.
ORAH: The Browning Version.
AMPHITHEATRE: Desiree, 2nd week.
EN DOR: Ass, 2nd week.
ORLI: The Cruel Sea.
ARMON: Footsteps in the Fog.
ORION: Dragnet.

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Dec. 10 Tel Aviv-Z.O.A. House 6, 9.30
Dec. 11 Givatayim 8.45
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4% Comp. Loan 56/67	65
2½% War Loan 54/59	80½
3½% Gov. Bds. (large)	90
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	94
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	93
Pal. Roarer Bds. Ser. 3	78
Bk. Leumi ord.sh.	327
A.P.E. Investm. ord. sh. "B"	1100
Gesh ord. sh. "B"	1030
Elitex'a Inv. ord. (1)	361
P.E.C.Inv.ord."B" sh.	3010
Gen. Mortg. Bk.ord. sh	771
Bizur 4% debs 56/65	99
Nir 4% Debs. (bearer)	94½
5% pref. sh.	95
Pass 4% debs. 60/64 reg	79½
"Teva" 5% debs.	83½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	1230
5% debs.	98½
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	260
Ramco 6% pref. ord sh.	93½
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	344
"A" ord. shares	123
Pal. Elec.pref.sh.(Lzn)	3720
6½% P.E.C. Debs. 57/64	1054*
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Mehorot pref. sh.	79½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	1280
6-6% conv. debs.	98½
"Kardanah" ord. "B" s	1270
7% conv. debs. 59/68	1030
Koller-Dee ord.sh.rec.x	915
Pal.-Brewery 9%con.sh.	940
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	1477
"Teva" ord. sh.	1230
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	1062
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs.	144
ord. sh. reg. (full div.)	323
Pal. Constr. Tr. 8% debs.	971

Notes: a) purchasing prices; b) selling prices; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-dividend; e) ex right; x) in % of IL1,000; y) 15.6./15.12; * Dollars; ** Index.

Kurdaneh Textile Works Ltd.

Notice
of
Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's registered office at Kfar Ata on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1955
AT 12 O'CLOCK

AGENDA:

1. To pass a resolution to capitalize a part of the Appreciation Reserve and to distribute the same in the form of fully paid up Ordinary Shares "C" of IL1 each to the holders of Ordinary Shares in the Company, registered on the day of the above Meeting, in the proportion of 15 shares for every IL200 of Capital, held in the form of Ordinary Shares, fractions of less than IL1 being disregarded. The newly issued Bonus Shares are to rank for dividend as from January 1, 1956, that is to say, they will not entitle their holders to any dividend declared in respect of the year 1955.
2. To consider any additional report of the Directors.

J. ABRAMOV
Secretary

Kfar Ata, December 7, 1955

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Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's registered office at Kfar Ata on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1955
AT 10 A.M.

AGENDA:

1. To pass a resolution to capitalize a part of the Appreciation Reserve and to distribute the same in the form of fully paid up Deferred Shares of IL1 each to the holders of Ordinary and Deferred Shares in the Company, registered on the day of the above Meeting, in the proportion of 15 shares for every IL200 of Capital held in the form of Ordinary and Deferred Shares, fractions of less than IL1 being disregarded. The newly issued Bonus Shares are to rank for dividend as from January 1, 1956, that is to say, they will not entitle their holders to any dividend declared in respect of the year 1955.
2. To pass a special resolution that 30,000 unallotted Ordinary Shares "B" of IL10 each be consolidated and subdivided into 300,000 shares of IL1 each and shall henceforth be called Deferred Shares ranking pari passu with the existing Deferred Shares.
3. To pass a special resolution to give the holders of Preference Shares in the Company the right to convert their shares into Ordinary Shares "C" upon payment of a premium of 10% during the period as from January 1, 1956 up to March 31, 1956.
4. To consider any additional reports of the Directors.

Copies of the proposed resolutions may be inspected at the registered office of the Company at Kfar Ata, or at the offices of Advocate Dr. F. Steif, 33 Rehov Herzl, Haifa, during usual business hours.

J. ABRAMOV
Secretary

Kfar Ata, December 7, 1955

Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: Light local showers with bright intervals in the plains, moderate showers with some clearing in the hills.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	89	3	4	9
Tiberias	90	10	14	16
Haifa Port	89	11	13	18
Netanya	91	13	14	17
Tel Aviv Kiryа	87	11	14	17
Tel Aviv Port	73	13	—	16
Lydda Airport	71	8	14	17
Jerusalem	97	3	6	8
Beersheba	89	10	—	16
Eilat	—	14	19	21

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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THE FORTNIGHTLY convoy went up to Mount Scopus yesterday and carried visitors and Hebrew University and Hadassah workers. The journey lasted three hours on account of the inclement weather and the rigorous inspection, the official communique stated.

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THE 40 trawler fishermen of the Nahshon company in Haifa, who went on strike last Friday to back their demands for a new contract and better pay, yesterday decided to return to work. Mr. S. Barash, of the Histadrut Executive, is to arbitrate the dispute.

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IL1,000 WENT to holder of Number 54291 in the 45th drawing of the Mandatory Bearer Bond lottery in Tel Aviv yesterday. The second prize of IL500 went to number 70086, and IL250 was won by holders of bonds Nos. 39685 and 34437.

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CURRENCY IN circulation rose this week by IL4,392,347 to IL-193,006,458. Treasury Bills increased by IL5,280,000, while foreign currency dropped by IL887,652.

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MAPAI WON all 15 seats on the Haifa Municipal Workers Committee in Tuesday's elections. Of the 1,230 eligible voters, 1,008 cast ballots for two lists, Mapai or Ahdut Ha'avoda-Mapam. Mapai received 61 per cent of all votes.

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SUSPECTED OF having smuggled $27,000 worth of goods, mostly carpets and silks, into the country in the guise of immigrants' possessions, Dr. Jack Zeinati was yesterday released on IL2,000 bail in Haifa.

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FIFTY-FIVE Beduin were given fines ranging from IL15 to IL50, as well as prison sentences of one week to two months, by the Summary Court for Infiltrators in Beersheba yesterday, for leaving or entering closed military areas without a permit.

Tel Aviv Management Decides to Economize

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Urgent measures to cut expenditures stringently are to be adopted, the Tel Aviv Management Committee decided this evening. It was decided to set up a committee to propose economies in the Municipality and to meet the Ministers of Finance and Interior to discuss Municipal claims on the Government.

It was also decided that Municipal employees would be hired only after prior consultation with the Employees Association, except for heads of departments and their deputies. Finally, the meeting resolved to follow the Civil Service scale of pensions for employees. The last two points have been the cause of a dispute with the Employees Association.

'UZI'S' INVENTOR COMMENDED

Seren Uziel Gal, the inventor of the "Uzi" sub-machine gun, has been commended for his "proficiency in military invention" in an Order of the Day issued last week by the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan.

The gun, developed mainly by Seren Gal, compares favourably with similar new types of such weapons in use in other armies. Its chief advantages are its principles of construction and its easy use in conditions of difficult terrain and weather.

Histadrut's 35th Birthday Plans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The 35th anniversary of the establishment of the Histadrut is to be celebrated with a nation-wide series of festivities during Histadrut Month which begins on Saturday night, the second day of Hanukka.

Outlining the month's events, Mr. Yosef Borstein, head of the Histadrut Information Department, said today that the themes of the celebrations will be the past achievements of the Histadrut, unity of the labour parties in the Government and the security and development of the country. There will be 70 mass rallies throughout the country, 400 festive meetings for trade unions and in workers' suburbs and meetings at over 800 of the country's work centres.

Entertainment and cultural activities will be provided mainly by local talent.

Because of present conditions, austerity will be the watchword, and much of the planned budget has gone to the Defence Fund. The Fund will be an integral part of the month's activities.

The celebrations will be officially launched on Saturday night by a broadcast over Kol Yisrael by Mr. E. Onn, head of Hevrat Ovdim.

Haifa, birthplace of the Histadrut, is to mark the birthday with a Hapoel parade through Hadar Hacarmel on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Myerson Lashes G.Z. For Opposing Development Spending

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, yesterday criticized the General Zionists for having consistently opposed spending money for development. She was speaking in the budget debate which entered its third day with further discussion of economic policy, immigration and inflation. The House will sit as usual during Hanukka week, and the debate will probably be concluded on Monday.

Mrs. Myerson particularly attacked Mr. Zalman Sussayeff for having charged that the Labour Ministry expended on housing sums far in excess of the amounts appropriated.

All party groups in the Knesset had agreed on the more rapid absorption of immigration and on eliminating the *ma'barot*. It was clear that this would cost money. But one newspaper ("Ha'aretz") had printed a scathing editorial against the high cost of housing and in the same issue a devastating article attacking the Ministry of Labour for building slums. Only in newspaper articles could better houses be built for less money, Mrs. Myerson commented.

She said that the Knesset must decide first of all whether it wanted accelerated immigration or not. And if it did, it must decide whether the immigrants were to be lodged in houses or in tents. But it must be borne in mind that immigrants could not be settled in tents or canvas huts in the Negev, in Western Galilee or in border areas.

We were not doing the Jews of Morocco or Algiers a favour by bringing them here, the Minister asserted. The State needed them no less than they needed the State. And when we brought them here it was our duty to help them find a livelihood.

There was not a particle of truth in the charge that work relief projects were merely a waste of money. It was true that sometimes projects were carried out which would not have been undertaken if cold economic calculations were the only criteria. "But these people must live, and this is part of the cost of absorbing immigration."

Programme Worked Out

Mr. Moshe Erem (Ahdut Ha'avoda) in a speech similar for the most part to that of the Mapam speaker the day before, said it was "obvious" that the supplementary budget did not express the economic programme of the new Government. That programme was now being worked out by the Government and it would be reflected in the budget for the coming fiscal year.

He added his voice to that of many other speakers in saying that it was certainly not a healthy thing for the Government to present a substantial supplementary budget — even though in part it was made necessary by the times.

But even though Ahdut Ha'avoda was not responsible for this budget, it would support it because it made provision for development, for defence, for housing and employment, for health and education. The budget had its faults, of course, particularly on the revenue side. It did not reflect a fair distribution of income tax and it continued the tendency to increase indirect taxes.

Sheikh Saleh Salim (Progress and Work), a newcomer to the Knesset, made a plea for greater assistance for the rehabilitation and development of Arab villages. "I beg of Allah to fulfil your wishes and your ambitions and may He crown your efforts with success," he concluded.

Mr. Mordechai Olmart (Herut), making his maiden speech, said that only 14 per cent of the country's manpower was engaged in agriculture. In 1954, the country's 216 *kibbutzim* had absorbed only 1,432 persons, or two families per *kibbutz*. The low rate of absorption, he claimed, was due to the fact that the *kibbutzim* tried to "impose" on immigrants a socialist way of life. To remedy this, he suggested that housing projects be built near *kibbutzim* and that the communal villages employ their occupants on a hired-labour basis.

Bar-Yehuda Studies Higher Property Tax

Lifting the rates ceiling which local authorities may impose on property is being studied by the Minister of Interior, Mr. Israel Bar-Yehuda, it was learned yesterday from Ministry sources. The ceiling is at present 20 per cent. The tax is imposed on the assessed value of property which is generally far below the real value.

No new ceiling has yet been proposed, nor have discussions on increasing rates or business taxes been conclusive.

Mr. Bar-Yehuda recently met with the deputy mayors of Haifa to discuss that city's financial development, civil defence and town planning problems. The discussion centred on the Municipality's present practice of granting building regulation relaxations against contributions to the city's treasury. The legality of this practice was raised.

The Minister also recently received representatives of Kiryat Haim, near Haifa, in regard to fixing a boundary between this town and Kiryat Bialik, and representatives of Herzliya Alef, Bet and Gimel on uniting these three areas. The latter regions are against the union on the grounds that it will impair their development.

Citrus Workers Offered 10% Rise

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — After prolonged discussion, the Farmers Federation today decided to offer citrus workers a 10 per cent increase on last year's wages, providing that no other raises are demanded outside of the cost-of-living allowance.

The meeting also decided to bring to the notice of the Ministers of Labour and Finance the "critical situation" in which the industry finds itself because of the wage increase on top of the drop in citrus prices in Europe.

A quarter of a million crates of citrus are on their way to England and should arrive there for the Christmas holidays, the Federation spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* today. Citrus picking in Spain has been held up because of the rain, and Israel citrus has thus succeeded in getting a good price. He added that, with competition renewed, the price war will be intensified.

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The special committee set up by Mapai to deal with the wages question, decided at its meeting here yesterday to set up a subcommittee to draw up final proposals on wages and other economic measures. The subcommittee consists of the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, and Messrs. P. Lavon, A. Govrin and A. Becker.

The proposals will be brought before a meeting of the Mapai Central Committee on Sunday.

The political committee of Ahdut Ha'avoda also discussed wage policy here today.

Exports Up During October

Exports this October rose to $4,958,800, or $1.4m. more than last October, Mr. M. Zur, Director of Foreign Trade Division in the Commerce Ministry, said yesterday. Although this is not a sign of a trend, the Government hopes that it signifies an end to the "stagnation" of the past two months.

Total exports in the first ten months of this year were $71.7m, as against $71.3m. in the same period of 1954.

A considerable rise in exports of vehicles was registered in October Mr. Zur added that the manufacture of locally produced vehicle parts had increased considerably in the past year.

Diamond exports rose by one-third in these 10 months to $16.6m.

Speedier Issue of Import Licences Promised

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Manufacturers will now receive import licences 10 days after applying for them, Mr. M. Zur, Director of the Foreign Trade Division in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

Mr. Zur, explaining the innovations and the organizational changes in the Department, stated that three sub-departments are to deal with the various industries and will have full authority to issue import and export licences. They will also deal with the currency problems of the industry. He stressed that exporters would now have to apply to only one office which would have full control over his transaction, until now dealt with by several governmental departments. Both the Government's and the public's time will thus be saved.

A fourth sub-department will deal with research and quality, marketing and costs. The fifth sub-department will deal with overall administrative problems, and will keep files of every manufacturer who exports.

Mr. Zur hoped that this reorganization would end a "certain negligence" in dealing with exporters.

Mr. Z. Dinstein, the newly appointed Controller of Foreign Currency in the Ministry of Finance, said that the offices dealing with foreign currency allocation to exporters will be moved to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry building, the Palace Hotel in Jerusalem.

Truck Haulage Rates Raised 20 Per Cent

Truck haulage rates are to be raised by 20 per cent next Thursday, the truck transportation organization which represents 12 large cooperatives and private companies, has announced.

Representatives of the organization and the Cooperative Centre met Mr. Moshe Carmel, the Minister of Transport, yesterday. He warned them of the implications of their decision and said that he would bring the matter before the Ministerial Economic Committee at its next meeting.

Our Tel Aviv Bureau reports that haulage rates were last raised a year ago. The transport companies now complain that because of increases in the price of spare parts, maintenance and higher wages and a general rise in the standard of living, they find it impossible to operate at present rates or keep the trucks in proper condition.

Sibelius' Anniversary Marked in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — To mark the 90th birthday tomorrow of the Finnish composer, Jean Sibelius, a reception was held here this evening at the Finnish Legation by the Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Toivo T. Kala. Speaking on behalf of the Israel-Finland Friendship League, Mr. E. Sagui said that negotiations were under way for cultural exchanges between the two countries.

A DIMONA FIRST

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — The first wedding of a Dimona couple took place here today. Mr. Yosef Oseri, an employee of the phosphates company, married Miss Yaffa Shechter, the Dimona kindergarten teacher. Both are from Ramat Gan.

The ceremony was held in Beersheba, but the celebration took place in Dimona and all the residents were invited.

Nearly 1,000 Immigrants Come in Two Ships

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The s.s. Negbah and the s.s. Artza brought 957 immigrants from North Africa, 14 from Argentina, six from Western Europe and a small number of tourists and some returning residents this morning. The Artza had been delayed for 24 hours by a storm at sea.

Most of the North African newcomers were sent to development areas in various parts of the country. One hundred and fifty persons will spend the night aboard the Negbah in which they arrived. On account of the late hour of their disembarkation, they could not leave for their new homes in the Negev.

A number of families, altogether 74 persons, went to Gesher, Hulata and Kiryat Anavim, while 25 single persons went to other *kibbutzim*; 41 children were sent to Youth Aliya institutions and 68 newcomers joined relatives.

A Jewish Agency official left aboard the s.s. Jerusalem today to help implement a new scheme of the Kibbutz Hameuhad to attract families of new immigrants to *kibbutzim*. He will choose physically fit families from among the 800 newcomers due to arrive in the same ship on December 19. They will be sent to a special village in the Lachish area where the Kibbutz Hameuhad workers will try to persuade them to join their settlements.

Second 'Kedmah' Joins Merchant Fleet

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A second Kedmah has joined Zim's fleet. (The 3,145-ton multipurpose freighter, was yesterday handed over to Israel authorities in Lubeck, U.P. reports, after being built with Reparations funds.) She is the company's 10th fruit carrier.

Her sister ship is the s.s. Gulliah, similarly equipped with special ventilation facilities for the fruit trade, and she is equally as fast at 14.5 knots.

Zim carried 1.5m. cases of oranges and grapefruit last season and hopes that its slice of this year's business will be bigger.

The s.s. Artza, which has been bringing immigrants from Marseilles during the past few months, will go into hibernation until the spring. The s.s. Jerusalem, retired from trans-Atlantic duty and now plying between Haifa and Marseilles only, together with the Negbah, can carry all the immigrants expected during the winter.

On the other hand, most of the pilgrims expected from Europe for Christmas have cancelled their reservations because of the tension in the Middle East, leaving the Artza and her crew of 120 without work. Both ship and crew have been "signed off" until the tourist trade picks up next spring.

Father Sent to Jail For Assaulting Daughter

The Supreme Court sitting as the Court of Criminal Appeals yesterday in Jerusalem refused the appeal of a father who had been sentenced to five years in prison for assaulting his 15-year-old daughter in 1953. The daughter gave birth to a child.

When the appeal was first submitted, the Supreme Court asked the District Court, which had handed down the sentence, to have blood tests taken to determine the paternity of the child. However, the tests were inconclusive in this case. The District Court judge therefore reaffirmed his original findings that the accused had raped his daughter and had had sexual relations with her over a period of several months.

In appealing for leniency yesterday, Mr. P. Hertzberg asked the Supreme Court to consider the fact that the accused was the father of six children and that his wife had been under supervision since she had tried to commit suicide upon hearing of her husband's actions.

The Supreme Court, however, agreed to reduce the sentence by six months — the time the accused was in detention before sentence was passed.

The Court was composed of Justices Silberg, Berinson and Witkon. *(Witn)*

WORKER KILLED IN SDOM

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — Joseph Gross, 31, was killed today in Sdom. The body has been brought here. The police have not yet revealed any details of the accident.

RAIN

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estimated at IL50,000. Roads were destroyed, boulevards and sewer beds buried by drifting sand dunes and sections of roads went flying. Nevertheless, tents in the ma'abara camped here, in Bat Yam, part of the promenade was washed away and trees and notice boards were smashed, and in Sidna Ali, Ashdod, building materials were buried in sand.

Hail and drenching rain came down incessantly in Ashkelon, accompanied by lightning. The gales felled huts and roof slates disappeared. In the housing quarter to the south of the city, half-completed huts were laid flat. The coastal road was closed, being flooded at several points, and traffic was diverted through the Rehovot Road.

Overflowing wadis have flooded fields in the South and the water has carried off soil in which seeds had already been planted. Safety ditches dug by the Jewish Agency helped in some places, but the water flowed elsewhere.

There were stoppages in the telephone connection and electricity cuts, while the new settlements which have no road links were isolated.

An unusually violent thunderstorm broke over Safad during Tuesday. The wind howled through the town at 65 km. per hour. Lightning struck and damaged a power transformer, which was quickly repaired this morning by a P.E.C. crew. The heavy downpour has turned wadi beds into wild streams.

This winter's rains, at 266 mm., have been three times as heavy as during the same period last year. The temperature fell to 2.4 degrees Centigrade, the lowest this year.

In Jerusalem, the Fire Brigade received 11 calls to pump water out of apartments and cellars. None of the calls came from the Mamilla area, which was the focal spot of the recent floods. During the height of the storm, several electric cables were torn down. Policemen were stationed at each spot until the electric corporation sent workers to repair the damage.

Five Held For Tnuva Robbery

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Nine persons were arrested today on suspicion of having participated in the burglary at the Tnuva dairy on the Petah Tikva road last night. Four of them provided alibis and were released.

The police report that at 9 o'clock last night, three men broke into the Tnuva plant through the surrounding fence, without arousing the notice of the watchman. Apparently they were extremely well-informed, for they made straight for the cashier, Mr. Yehuda Worm. hit him over the head with a blunt instrument knocking him unconscious, and took the keys to the safe from his pocket. They then made off with IL8,000 in cash. Mr. Worm recovered quickly and rushed to the guard at the gate, who called the police.

SMUGGLING SUSPECT OUT ON BAIL

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — One of the principal suspects in the currency smuggling case now being investigated by the Economic Police, Zion Morad, was released on IL10,000 bail by Magistrate Y. Treivish here today. No objections were raised by the police, who only warned Morad not to contact other suspects in the case, and to remain at home. His wife stood bail for him, and his Ramat Gan home was impounded as additional security.

Another suspect in the case, Morad's son-in-law, Nissim Sharabani, had his detention period extended by Magistrate Treivish for an additional eight days.

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Yesterday's donors to the Toy Fund include:

IL100 — Management, monthly staff including foreign specialists of Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd.

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IL25 — Oscar Sinaer & A. Sanger, Mexico, Rosenberg children — Carol, Betty, Danny, Michael & John — instead of presents; Securitas Insurance Office for Commerce and Industry Ltd.; Haifa.

IL20 — Contribution from the Grossel children of Ramat Gan & the Zion children of Kfar Shmaryahu. Mr. & Mrs. A. Liberman, Moshav Orot in memory of Judy Strauss, a gallant member of Kibbutz Geshur Haziv, and in the name of their grandchildren and the other children of Moshav Orot.

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FOR BAKING at night, a Jerusalem baker, Eliyahu Cohen, was recently jailed for two weeks in fulfilment of a suspended sentence he had received for a previous similar offence. In addition, he was given a one-week suspended prison sentence for the current violation of the law.

Scopus Cemetery Now Clear of Mines

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel authorities have finished dismantling and/or exploding the mines in the British War Cemetery on Mt. Scopus, it is learned.

The British Embassy has been asked to contact the Imperial War Graves Commission in England in regard to repairs and to restoring the garden.

After this is done, discussions will be opened on all matters pertaining to visits.

The built-up area of the Old City is to be extended to include the Mount of Olives, it was decided by the Municipal Council on Tuesday night, according to a report in the Old City daily, "El Jihad."

A committee of surveyors is to inspect the area to determine on which part of the hill and its slopes the proposed extension should be carried out. The report did not mention whether this move would affect the large ancient Jewish cemetery on the south-western slopes of the Mount of Olives.

CANADIAN SENATOR EXPECTED TODAY

Senator David Croll, Chairman of the Security of the Canadian Senate, is due to arrive today as a guest of the Government. He is expected to stay in Israel until Sunday. Mr. Croll was the first Jew to serve in the Canadian Senate. He last visited this country in 1948.

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KLM. — The Bremen office of the Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) announced yesterday that the company had concluded an agreement with the Soviet airline Aeroflot, enabling it to issue through tickets for routes including Aeroflot flights. KLM is also permitted to accept freight for these routes.

RELIEF. — The International Cooperation Administration announced in Washington yesterday that it has allocated $1.45m. to Pakistan to help her purchase clothing and blankets for her flood relief programme, and $400,000 for transportation costs.

BRAWL. — The East German news agency, ADN, stated that two American soldiers were arrested in East Berlin yesterday after one of them had knocked a cabaret singer unconscious.

S. African Cricketers Leaving Today

The South African Maccabi cricket group is leaving Israel today. While here, the visitors played four "tests" and one one-day match. Israel won the "test" series by winning two of the matches outright — one by 10 wickets and the other by an innings and five runs. The South Africans won the fourth and last by six wickets while that due to be played in Jerusalem was abandoned after the first morning's play. In addition the visitors won the one-day game at Haifa.

The Israel team, led in three "tests" by Dr. "Bernie" Cohen and in the other by vice-captain Philip Gilion, acquitted itself well by winning this first-ever cricket "test" series in this country.

CHILDREN TO MARCH IN CAPITAL TONIGHT

Children marching in a torch light parade this evening through the heart of Jerusalem will open the Hanukka celebrations arranged this year by the Jerusalem Municipality. The children, who include all pupils of the Working Youth Schools, several Gedna units and the Traffic Safety squads of all the schools, are to meet earlier in the playground of the Carmia (Alliance) school where they will be addressed by Mayor Gershon Agron.

At 6.30, they will march down Jaffa Road, Rehov King George, Rehov Ben-Yehuda to Zion Square, and then down to the main Municipality building on Jaffa Road.

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TWO outlines have been permitted to emerge through the gossamer veil of secrecy that is rather half-heartedly being maintained over the current Anglo - Greek discussions on the future of Cyprus, both of them indicating that the British Government's policy on the question has either undergone fundamental change or is in the process of somewhat painful metamorphosis.

U.K.-GREEK TALKS ON CYPRUS

The first of these is clear. The fact that talks are under way is in itself no small departure from the British Government's position, as stated in the House of Commons in March last year by Sir Anthony Eden, then Foreign Secretary, that Britain could not "agree to discuss the status" of the island colony with Greece.

The second outline is as yet much vaguer, but its general shape would seem to indicate that the British Government no longer feels it can categorically reject contemplation of self-determination by the Cypriots at some future date. Mr. Macmillan's statement in the Commons on Monday dealt largely with the "grave and disastrous" consequences that would follow any British gesture of abdication of her role in Cyprus, but this time he stopped short of throwing overboard the Labour Opposition's contention that no settlement is possible unless Britain recognized the principle of self-determination.

The British attitude toward Cyprus is made no easier by the fact that there exist between that country and Greece bonds of sincere mutual affection and esteem, and that the most eminent British statesmen, from William Gladstone to Sir Winston Churchill, have at one time or another expressed understanding of the natural Cypriot desire for incorporation "with what may be called their mother country."

The rapid deterioration of the situation dates back to the British decision in July, 1954, that it could no longer wait for Cypriot acceptance of a constitution which was offered in 1948, but which for six years had not been taken up by any responsible and representative Cypriot leader. The British Government decided to introduce a modified constitution providing for a legislature containing both official and nominated members — together forming a majority — and elected members. The modification could hardly have been expected to win the islanders' cooperation, for whereas the 1948 constitution provided for an elected majority, the 1954 version did not. The official explanation that the earlier document had presupposed the full cooperation of the main political parties, which was all too obviously absent, did not make the constitution any the more palatable. The direct consequence was that it raised the prestige of extremist minority which had been consistently hostile to Britain. This, in turn, led to the growth of the terrorist movement to the extent that thousands of British troops manning what was to have become Britain's bastion in the eastern Mediterranean after the abandonment of the Suez base to Egypt, are now largely occupied with internal security at a time when reports speak of the arrival of Soviet military technicians at that same base.

Nothing has been gained in the 18 months that have passed since the announcement of the "modified" constitution. Several lives and much goodwill have been lost. While there is no belittling the formidable obstacles that stand in the way of a satisfactory solution — not the least among them the Cypriot Turkish minority's vehement opposition to any settlement likely to culminate in closer ties between the island and Greece — the time has clearly come for bold statesmanship, if the already explosive situation in the Middle East is not to be further aggravated.

ISRAEL U.N. DUES

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (JNA). — Israel by November 30, paid $50,000 of her 1955 dues of $68,388, it was announced today.

THE NEW YORK PRESS AND THE BAGHDAD PACT

METO IS TOUCH AND GO

By JESSE ZEL LURIE

NEW YORK. — THE New York morning papers—The "Times" and "Tribune" — are just as ambivalent about the Baghdad Pact as the policy makers in Washington. One day it is treated as a Maginot line, and the fact that Maginot lines are as obsolete as the crossbow in this Hydrogen-bomb age is carefully forgotten. The next day its chimera-like qualities, even as an old-fashioned defence line, are pointed up.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" has just devoted a three-column front page lead story to a copyrighted "scoop" from Baghdad by its correspondent, Don Cook, recently in Israel. Mr. Cook says that a "staff paper," discussed by the chiefs of staff of the new Middle East Treaty Organization (M E T O), sets the strategic line of defence at the Zagros mountain range in eastern Iraq and western Iran.

"Each of the military staffs will now be giving detailed study to the problems of a unified defence of the Zagros range," wrote Mr. Cook.

A major portion of the study will be devoted to plans envisaging the return of British forces to Iraq, from which they were once asked to depart, Mr. Cook puts it this way:

Two essentials to make the Zagros defence line effective will be speedy concentration of British land forces in the Middle East and establishment here in Iraq of forward military supply dumps, which will be built up under the provisions of the Iraq-British mutual assistance treaty and the Baghdad Pact itself.

Mr. Cook then counts up what might be available for the defence of the Iraq sec. tor of the Zagros line. He finds two active divisions in the Iraqi Army, with the possibility that a third might be mobilized while the British could, from their present bases in Jordan, Libya and Cyprus, have an entire armoured division plus supporting artillery and extra infantry concentrated in Iraq within three weeks.

Aimed at Israel

Considering the distances, the sea and the desert that would be quite a feat in military transportation and most of it would have to be done by air. But what would the contemplated enemy — the Russians with their hundreds of divisions and H-b mbs — be doing during these three weeks? Would they just wait for the lone British armoured division to show up so that they could annihilate it?

Mr. Cook's front-page "scoop" only proves that the Baghdad Pact makes no military sense whatever if Russia is the enemy. It makes more sense if Israel is the enemy, but we doubt that Britain, Turkey and Iran would lend themselves to such a Machiavellian scheme.

On the day after Mr. Cook's story appeared, the "Tribune" devoted its lead editorial to "The New Defence Line," which it describes as following the mountains "which lie on the eastern border of Turkey, the northeastern frontier of Iraq, and cut diagonally through Iran to link up with the chain of hills that joins the Himalayas to make the boundary between Pakistan and Afghanistan."

Mountain Barrier, Map shows mountain range from Turkey to Kashmir, on which M.E.T.O. strategy is reported to be based.

No one certainly not the "Tribune" editorial writer, has ever estimated the number of trained and equipped divisions needed to man the thousands of miles of this so-called defence line. As these divisions are not available and will not be in the foreseeable future, it would seem that the Baghdad powers can play a military role only if and when the USSR is, by some internal or external cataclysm, broken up, and the enemy across the mountains is just a third-rate, independent Siberian state.

The "Tribune" editorial does not deal with such fantasies. It ignores the military strength of the Zagros line defenders, but points up two weaknesses of another nature in the Baghdad pact concept of defence:

One, as a glance at the map will disclose, is Afghanistan, which forms a deep salient, almost separating Iran from Pakistan. The other lies in Soviet intrigues behind the line, in Egypt and other Arab states which have concentrated on Israel as their enemy, ignoring the greater threat of Communism.

Afghanistan . . . has been courting Soviet assistance . . . Egypt is doing likewise; Saudi Arabia is said to be flirting with the same idea, and Syria has worked closely with these belligerent members of the Arab League.

The editorial concludes:

Propaganda and planes can overleap the line and Soviet diplomacy can outflank it. Resistance must be based not on arms alone but by meeting the legitimate economic and political needs of the area, a task in which the United States must share.

By the next day Don Cook in Baghdad had taken another look at the new pact and his estimate in the week-end edition is headed, "Defence Treaty Looks Good on Paper, But . . ." Mr. Cook finds that the Arabs consider Israel and not Russia the main enemy. As the pact ostensibly ignores Israel and splits the Arab League, Mr. Cook implies that the "Northern Tier" nations may find themselves "caught between the Soviet Union, to the north, and a Soviet-supported Arab bloc to the south."

Mr. Cook concludes his final roundup from Baghdad:

Until the United States is a partner, it will be touch and go if the weaknesses of the new Mideast setup do not overbalance its strength.

This is the first of two articles.

Yesterday's Press

Dividing the Burden

WHILE the drive against rising prices is still in its blueprint stage, writes "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), the Treasury is proceeding with its pressure on the wage-earner which, together with its inactive stand on profit freezing may bring serious consequences. If and when wage increases do materialize, they will be cancelled out by rising prices while the profits of the bourgeoisie continue to increase.

The worker then will be forced to continue to bear the brunt of the State's security and economic stability. It stands to reason then that a wage increase must be accompanied by a freezing of prices and profits while additional levies should be imposed upon the capitalists and the well-to-do.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) writes that there is no overall justification for the Minister of Finance's lack of budgetary planning, coupled with the continuation of the wage freeze. Plans to place the State's economy on a war footing should take into consideration the fact that the wage earner has borne the lion's share of the burden and that it is high time to get after the capitalists.

"Davar" (Histadrut) thinks that the danger of inflation does not lie in the proposed Supplementary Budget but rather in increased personal income for all sections of the population.

"Hamodia" (World Aguda) observed that no one doubts the Treasury's sincere desire to bridle inflation, but it should be remembered that increased taxes, direct and indirect, will also make prices rise. The Treasury should give the lead and cut down on unnecessary expenditure, but the highly inflated Supplementary Budget gives exactly the opposite impression.

"Here and Now" thinks that the time has come when the Government should stop the wasteful and demoralizing practice of paying people for doing work of little use to the country's economy.

Israel is on a 'Wage Standard'

By ABBA LERNER

IT might be asked why the policy of reducing the price level should use the cut in wages as its major instrument. Why not concentrate rather on cutting prices by reducing the quantity of money or total expenditure?

The answer to this very pertinent question is that the Israel economy is based not on a money standard such as the Gold Standard, but on a "wage standard," where reductions in the absolute level of prices can be brought about only via reductions in the level of wages.

On the gold standard, and on other monetary standards, it was possible to reduce the level of wages by reducing demand. This pushed down prices together with wages by using the force of the unemployment that would result if wages refused to fall.

In Israel the money standard does not operate because any decrease in demand would lead not to price and wage reduction but to unemployment. The monetary authorities would increase the amount of money, in order to cure the unemployment, long before the workers' organizations were induced, by the unemployment, to reduce the money wage demanded. In the same way an increase in the established money wage would lead to the monetary authorities' increasing the volume of demand so as to restore or maintain the satisfactory level of employment which is (quite rightly) accepted as one of the main responsibilities of the government.

The level of money wages is therefore no longer a dependent variable that adjusts itself to the supply of money. The roles have been reversed. The wage level has become the independent variable and the money supply has become the dependent variable. We are on a "wage standard" where it is the level of wages that determines the money supply and not vice versa.

The wage level and consequently also the price level, is determined by a Wage Authority. The Wage Authority is the Histadrut, working with the cooperation of the employers' organization and the government, including the monetary authorities. It alone can reduce the general price level (by lowering the money wage level) and it is the Wage Authority which is threatening the economy with runaway inflation by raising the money wage.

The Monetary Authority—the State — retains the important responsibility for preventing the money supply from becoming excessive and bringing about a "demand inflation." An excessive supply of money can cause prices to rise by enabling people to try to buy more than there is. There would then be an increased demand for labour and wages would rise much more rapidly than under any cost-of-living allowance system. Monetary and fiscal policy can be used in a "wage standard" country to prevent this kind of inflation; but it cannot be used to prevent the cost inflation with which the Wage Authority is threatening the Israel economy.

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THE Wage Authority determines not only the general level of wages, but also the particular wages and therefore their relationships to each other — the wage differentials. It may not notice that it is carrying out this task when it decides to freeze relative wages as of some base date, or uses some more complex formula, but it cannot escape this responsibility.

It is not desirable that relative wages should be frozen indefinitely in their present ratios to each other or that reductions in the differentials should be determined by the degree of inflation suffered by the economy. This, however, has been the course of development decreed by the Wage Authority. It has led:

(a) to the undermining of incentives to acquire skills and accept responsibility,

(b) to the accumulation of grievances,

(c) to pressure groups, supported by public opinion, seeking to remedy some of the grievances,

(d) to partial, and therefore inequitable, adjustment in response to these pressures, and finally

(e) to the present demand for wage increases in general.

A realization that it is indeed determining relative wages could lead the Wage Authority to apply a formula which makes economic sense.

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THE full recognition by the Wage Authority of its responsibility for determining relative wage rates would also lead to a better recognition of the nature of its other responsibilities. It is responsible for preventing inflation under the "wage standard," in a way which is closely parallel to the responsibility of a Monetary Authority for preventing inflation under a monetary standard. A Monetary Authority cannot grant additional credit, even for the most laudable projects, unless by reducing or holding down credit elsewhere, it can avoid an unwarranted increase in total credit. In the same way, the wage authority cannot grant even the most well-founded demands for particular wage increases unless by reducing or holding down particular wages elsewhere, it can prevent an unwarranted increase in the average wage. Otherwise, like the over-generous Monetary Authority, it is "printing money" in the sense of granting money wage increases which, like excessive increases of money, are not real increases but inflationary fraudulent.

Reduce Wages

The policy of reducing the price level must therefore depend mainly on a reduction in wages because the economy is on a "wage standard," and the general level of prices can be reduced only by the Wage Authority reducing the general level of money wages.

It is because of this that the cut in money wages does not reduce real wages any more than raising money wages raises real wages or stabilising money wages stabilises real wages. The setting of the money wage level only sets the general price level.

This conclusion is not affected by the existence of monopolies.

The existence of monopolistic situations or cartels or producers' and distributors' agreements of various kinds may mean that, say, 40 per cent is being added on the cost of production of an article as gross profit mark-up, whereas 20 per cent would have sufficed. The cut in the wage would not correct such an existing degree of monopoly, but neither would it aggravate it. The producers and distributors would continue to get the same excessive 40 per cent on the reduced costs, and this would leave the relative shares the same as before.

A reduction in the real wage (and of other real incomes) is indeed to be expected on all of the alternative money wage policies. But it is the result not of the wage policy but of a movement in the direction of economic independence, a movement that cannot be painless. Reducing the price level (by cutting the money wage) would only make the sacrifice clear from the outset, while minimizing it by avoiding the further damages from the inflation as well as from devaluation.

There is, however, good reason for including in government policy a number of other measures which would serve to reduce the sacrifice from the movement to economic independence. These other measures consist of (a) measures to increase the volume of production, which would increase the national income and (b) measures to increase the percentage of the national income that goes to labour.

Easier for Labour

The existence of a coalition labour government provides an unusual opportunity for achieving the benefits for the community as a whole from the adoption of the policy of reducing the price level (by a wage cut) together with measures for increasing efficiency and improving distribution. This is because it would be easier for a labour government to resist the untrue but inevitable demagogic claims that a general wage cut is "anti-labour" and would mean lower real wages that would result from any other policy (except one of cutting up investment capital).

The first two instalments of Professor Lerner's analysis appeared on December 6 and 7. The concluding one will be published tomorrow.

Readers' Letters

WOMEN'S RIGHTS
Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wish to make a correction in the report on my address at the Working Women's Convention, (your issue of November 23). I did not suggest the gradual introduction of civil marriage over a number of years. I said that "the civil law of the country with reference to the equal rights of women must also be exercised in the Rabbinical Courts. We demand . . . a civil law ensuring equal rights for women in case of divorce — regarding property, alimony and custody of children."

I further stated that it is imperative to avoid, at this stage of development, open clashes with the accepted cultural and traditional values of our people.

Yours, etc.
YEHUDIT SIMCHONIT
Tel Aviv, November 24.

'HELP ISRAEL FUND'
Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Referring to the report in your issue of November 11, about the mass meeting for the "Help Israel Fund," which took place in Amsterdam on November 9, we should like to add that in addition to Mr. Yigal Alon, there were two other speakers: Dr. Abel J. Herzberg, a former president of the Zionist Organisation and a renowned Dutch author; and Prof. Dr. S. Kleerekoper, also a former president of the Dutch Zionist Federation and still editor of the Zionist fortnightly, who is a professor at the Amsterdam University and an outstanding economist.

Yours, etc.
J.B.v.d. HEIJDEN-LOB
Hon. Sec. Dutch Zionist Fed.
Amsterdam, November 25.

BUS SERVICE
Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wish, in the names of hundreds of unfortunate "Dan" bus passengers, to protest strongly against the "Dan" timetable, if such a thing exists.

The situation at the No. 5 bus stop at Rehov Shlomo Hamelech and Hamelech George, between the hours of 7.30 and 8.00 in the morning is simply intolerable. Passengers have to wait from 20 to 30 minutes, sometimes in a strong rain, because the few buses which do pass by are almost always full and do not even stop. Must we get to work with considerable delay, in a bad mood, with crumpled, sometimes torn clothes? Is it really necessary to make us, the ordinary people, suffer because of a lack of common sense, organization and responsibility? Is not the "Dan" Bus Company an organization "serving the public?"

Yours, etc.
E. K.
Tel Aviv, November 8.

'Dan' Replies

We have noted your correspondent's complaint and despite the difficulties which exist between the hours of 7.00 and 8.00 instructions have been given to those in charge to see to it that drivers leave room for passengers at the bus stop mentioned.

"Dan" Bus Cooperative
Tel Aviv, November 28.

KEEPING POSTED

A CARTOON in a recent issue of the "New Yorker" shows a party of cannibals holding a committee meeting in a hut decorated with skulls and the leader proclaiming the new line in foreign policy.

Now here's the plan. We let word out that we're in a state of political ferment. Russia smells an opportunity and makes overtures. The West

gets worried. They make overtures. Russia asks to send cultural ambassadors, and we let them. The West asks for equal representation, and we invite them. Then, when we've got them all here, we eat them.

We think these must be some of the Africans whom Big Brother in Egypt has been taking under his wing.

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AN acquaintance with a profound contempt for party politics says that he is glad to see that the Defence Fund is coming along so well, though he doesn't believe we will get to IL25m., and sets the figure at about half that sum. But if we had known in time and skipped last spring's elections, he says, the nation might have saved itself just about the other half of the total. In fact that is how he arrives at the present sum —if we could raise IL12 or IL13m. to fight each other, surely we can find this sum again to fight our enemies?

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MANY of the checks and gifts received by the Toy Fund arrived with careful letters of instruction. A warm message of greeting and good wishes came from four small sisters who live in Kfar Shmaryahu — Patty, Peggy, Barby and Janey Zion, from America. They have a special interest in the Toy Fund (and in the Mayor of Jerusalem). It seems that last year, when the list of contributors was being compiled one evening, somebody mistakenly decided that there couldn't really be that many little girls with similar names all in one village, and as a result the record was wrong. The complaint they sent in was so sad that the editor hurriedly wrote back to them to explain how difficult it sometimes is to get all the details right in the fuss and pother of a daily newspaper that has to be finished by a certain hour every night. The girls were extremely pleased with their official correspondence. When they heard a while later that their pen-friend had been made Mayor of Jerusalem they considered that this was only right and proper. It was Patty (but we may be wrong about that) who observed that not everyone finds time to explain things to little girls who don't even vote, and that anyone who will take that much trouble should certainly be mayor of *anywhere*.

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PROBABLY nothing contributes to inflation like talk about it, but whatever the index may say we have recently come across some evidence of the rise in the cost of living that is not to be denied. A friend told us that every year when she takes the family's winter coats out of her anti-moth cupboard she looks hopefully in her husband's pockets. One year she found a forgotten pound note there, and usually there is at least some small change. Sure enough she found several shillings and 10-pruta pieces, and two little silvery coins that felt unnaturally light to the hand and which she failed to recognize for a moment. They were, of course, one-pruta pieces. This year, she says, she would be ashamed to have given them to a beggar and she can't use two, because prices are rounded off to the next five nowadays. But if the coins are in the pocket from last year, there must still have been some use for them then. Feeling rather mean, she dropped them in the children's money-box, but don't let anybody tell her prices haven't gone up.

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A SHOPKEEPER writes that one of his customers came in and asked for a hotwater bottle. His mother-in-law had the lumbago, he said almost tearfully, and he'd had to give his own to her. He chose a new bottle, looked it over carefully, and tucked it under his arm. Two days later he was back again, tearful as ever. No, the bottle didn't leak. No, the stopper didn't fall out. But when he

used the water in the morning to make his tea with, it tasted of brimstone and sulphur and now he'd like one with a more neutral flavour.

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